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SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know whether the Government will accept articles contributed by Members of the Legislature for the Madras Information, and if so, under what conditions?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It depends upon the quality of the articles."

Woman Medical Officer for Government Hospital, Puttur

* 1002 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATARAMA GOWDA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Hospital Advisory Committee and the public of Puttur in South Kanara district, regarding the inconvenience caused to patients, particularly women, in not filling the vacant post of a Woman Medical Officer for a long time in the Government Hospital, Puttur; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Appointment of Assistant Commercial Tax Officers

* 1003 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many persons were selected for appointment as Assistant Commercial Tax Officers in 1954; and

(*b*) how many of them possess the prescribed qualifications?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) 36.

" (*b*) 21."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" How many of them were appointed on the advice of Mr. Balakrishnan?"

Hours of duty for the staff in the Transport department

* 1004 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether the Government have fixed any hours of duty for the checking inspectors, time-keepers and running staff employed in the Government Transport, Madras?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" In accordance with section 65 of the Motor Vehicles Act read with rule 215 of the Motor Vehicles Rules, the running staff like drivers,

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conductors and stand-cleaners are allotted duties not exceeding 9 hours per day, including rest period between trips, etc. As regards checking inspectors and time-keepers, the duty hours depend on the nature of duty to be performed, viz., surprise ticket checking, collecting traffic census, supervising and regulating specials for fairs and festivals and routine checking on City and suburban services. Their actual working hours however fall between 6 and 8 hours."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are the Government aware of the fact that time-keepers and running staff have to work sometimes till 11 o'clock in the night and will the Government be pleased to introduce the system of 8 hour shifts in the case of these people also and whether they will amend the Motor Vehicles Rules; if required, for that purpose? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" When they have shifts, they will have to work till 11 p.m."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" In view of the difference between the scheduled hours of work and actual hours of work, will the Government consider the question of introducing a system under which the time, at which a worker reports for duty and the time at which he is relieved from duty, are noted? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I will look into the matter."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" In view of the fact that workers like drivers and conductors have got to go to the workshop to take the vehicles allotted to them even as early as 5 o'clock in the morning, will the Government consider the feasibility of constructing quarters for drivers and conductors very near the Transport Office so that this problem of over-work can be solved very easily? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" It is not possible."

Contribution to Nayanar Balik Sadan, Eranhippalam

* 1005 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the payment of any grant sanctioned by the Kozhikode Municipality for 1953 to Nayanar Balik Sadan, Eranhippalam, was not sanctioned by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The payment of a contribution of Rs. 150 was made by the municipal council for 1952–53, but the contribution of Rs. 150 proposed by municipal council for 1953–54 was not sanctioned by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards as the council had then deficit in its accounts."